CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	RB Case #: Force		☐ Discourt. ☐ U.S.		
Christopher Conway		Team # 6	201310057		Abuse		O.L.	☐ Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:		Р	recinct:	18	Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Monday, 10/21/2013 8:00 AM		§ 87(2)(b)			71	4/	/21/2015	4/21/2015
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported:		Date/Time Received at CCRB			
Mon, 10/21/2013 2:40 PM		IAB	Phone	Fri, 10/25/2013 2:07 PM				
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess	1				
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command					
1. POM Daniel Chin	16062	948524	071 PCT					
2. POM Ralph Pabon	12553	939159	071 PCT					
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	o Tax No	Cmd Name					
1. POM Matthew Weinstein	19780	931410	071 PCT					
2. POM Nicholas Guele	24876	950540	071 PCT					
Officer(s)	Allegatio	on			Inve	stiga	tor Recon	nmendation
A.POM Daniel Chin	Force: PO Daniel Chin used physical force against [8 87(2)]							
B.POM Ralph Pabon	Force: PO Ralph Pabon used physical force against [87(2)]							
§ 87(2)(g), § 87(4-b)								

Case Summary

On October 21, 2013, PO Timothy Donohue of the 71 st Precinct called and filed this complaint with IAB by phone on behalf of complainant \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ generating original log #13-44706. The complaint was received at the CCRB on October 25, 2013. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ stated that around 8:00 a.m. on October 21, 2013, she called 911 requesting EMS for her mentally ill grandson \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ who was cutting up his clothes with scissors and refusing to speak. Four officers of the 71 st Precinct responded to her home at \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ in Brooklyn, and the following allegations resulted:						
Allegation A—Force: PO Daniel Chin used physical force against §87(2)(b)						
Allegation B—Force: PO Ralph Pabon used physical force against 887(2)(0)						
§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)						
§ 87(2)(g), § 87(4-b)						
Results of Investigation						
Civilian Statement						
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Complainant/Victim: \$87(2)(b) • \$87(2)(b)						
On November 18, 2013, \$37(2)(b) was interviewed at her home at \$37(2)(b) was interviewed at her home at \$37(2)(b) who suffers from schizoaffective disorder among other mental conditions. When \$37(2)(b) is in the midst of an episode, which happens when he does not take his medication, he paces back and forth, dances with himself, and refuses to speak or answer any questions. \$37(2)(b) occasionally must call an ambulance when \$37(2)(b) is in the midst of an episode. On the morning of October 21, 2013, \$37(2)(b) was off his medication and experiencing a schizoid episode. He cut up his clothes with scissors, which is something he does when he is						
sick, and was pacing and not answering any questions from \$87(2)(b) called the ambulance to take \$87(2)(b) to the hospital; she told the 911 dispatcher that there were no						
injuries or weapons, and that \$87(2)(b) was very docile. Around 8:00 a.m., six police officers arrived outside her apartment at \$87(2)(b) the ambulance had not arrived yet. PO Danie Chin and an officer that the investigation identified as PO Matthew Weinstein entered the building while the other officers stayed back. \$87(2)(b) looked at both officers' names and shields, but could only remember the name of PO Chin; other officer testimony indicated that PO						
Weinstein was the first officer to enter the apartment. §87(2)(b) led PO Chin and PO						

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Weinstein inside and she explained that \$87(2)(b) was not going to answer any of their questions. opened the door and stepped to the left into the living room; §87(2)(b) was standing to the right in the hallway which led to his bedroom. He was standing there, not moving, and not speaking or answering questions. PO Chin entered the hallway and asked what his name was, while an officer the investigation has identified as PO Nicholas Guele looked through the crack of the door and doorframe to observe \$87(2)(6) An officer the investigation has identified as PO Ralph Pabon then stepped into the hallway closer to PO Chin, standing in front of \$87(2)(b) The officers asked \$87(2)(b) his name but he refused to answer. PO Chin then counted down, "Three, two one," and then PO Chin and PO Pabon both grabbed \$37(2)(b) and threw him onto the ground in the hallway. As soon as he had laid hands on \$87(2)(b) PO Chin began shouting "Stop resisting." \$87(2)(b) became upset, shouted at the officers, and jumped up and down, saying "Please, oh god, he didn't do nothing, why are you saying stop resisting." PO Chin and PO Pabon handcuffed 887(2)(b) and they dragged him into the living room, as they needed to first close the door to allow him to get past. They then dragged him into the foyer, which was a room which several apartments opened onto, with a stairway to the upper floors about 15 feet away. Because of the sounds of the commotion and §87(2)(b) people had gathered on the stairs and in the foyer, observing what was happening. PO Chin and PO Pabon laid \$37(2)(b) down on the floor of the foyer; the other officers and two EMTs now came into the foyer to observe what was happening. §87(2)(5) was still shouting and exclaiming, and PO Chin looked at her angrily and asked her if she wanted to "go down" too. thought PO Chin was very unprofessional. §87(2)(b) kept shouting, and PO Chin asked her why \$87(2)(b) lived with her and not his mother; \$87(2)(b) that it was none of his business. The EMTs and officers transported [307(2)(0)] to Kings County Hospital, but § 87(2)(b) did not go with them because she could not bear to face \$87(2)(b) the hospital as she was so upset. §87(2)(b) went straight to the 71st Precinct stationhouse to file a complaint. § 87(2)(b) did not say anything during the entire incident, and § 87(2)(b) make any physical contact with the officers. The whole incident lasted about 8 minutes. testified that the officer who first entered the apartment, the officer who peered through the crack in the door, and the officer who helped PO Chin take § 37(2)(b) into custody all were the same person. She described this officer as a uniformed white male in his 30s, muscular, around 6'0, with very light skin. Victim: § 87(2)(b) was \$87(2)(b) old on the incident date. He is a black male who stands at 5'10 weighing 150 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. **CCRB Testimony** On November 18, 2013, \$87(2)(b) was interviewed at his home at \$87(2)(b) § 87(2) in Brooklyn (encl. 7a-d) could not recall some details of the incident, as he was having a mental health episode at the time of the incident. When he has episodes like this, he acts "irrational" and it affects his memory. § 97(2)(b) said the last time he was hospitalized for his mental health it was June 2013, and that time he had called the ambulance on himself. On the morning of October 21, 2013, \$87(2)(b) s grandmother \$87(2)(b) had called the ambulance, and \$ Jacobs was upset because of this.

was walking to the back bedroom when behind him he saw \$87(2)(b) at the door talking to police officers. moved back and officers that the investigation have identified as PO Chin and PO Pabon entered the hallway, although because the door was open they were partially blocked from \$87(2)(b) The officers spoke to him, although \$87(2)(b) could not recall what they were saying. PO Chin and PO Pabon both told \$87(2)(b) to come to them, but he did not respond, nor did he move. PO Chin reached out from behind the door to grab with his arm, but \$87(2)(b) with his arm, but \$87(2)(b) with twisted back and refused to be taken into custody. Both PO Chin and PO Pabon laid hands on \$87(2)(b) and took him down to the ground, although could not recall if he was face-first or back-first on the ground. \$87(2)(b) was resisting, but he stopped resisting once he was handcuffed.

PO Chin and PO Pabon took him into the foyer, although \$87(2)(6) could not recall how they took him outside; he believed for a moment they carried him, but he was definitely not walking. The officers put him on the ground in the hallway, and more officers and the EMTs came up the stairs from outside. The officers uncuffed him so that the EMTs could transport him down to the ambulance in a stairchair. They removed him to a stretcher and transported him to \$87(2)(6) was not injured as a result of the incident. \$87(2)(6) did not recall what the officers' demeanors were like, or any commands they were giving him. \$87(2)(6) did not recall anything else that was said or done during the incident.

described the officer who first grabbed him as an uniformed Asian male officer in his 30s, short, and pudgy. He described the second officer who helped handcuff him as a uniformed white male officer in his 30s, with dirty blond hair in a crew cut.

NYPD Statements:

Subject Officer: PO DANIEL CHIN

• PO Daniel Chin was § 87(2)(b)

• PO Chin worked from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on October 21, 2013. He was assigned to sector patrol and was in uniform working with PO Nicholas Guele.

Memo Book

PO Chin indicated in his memo (encl. 8b-d) book that at 8:02 a.m. on October 21, 2013, he was dispatched to an EDP with scissors at structure in Brooklyn. By 9:29 a.m. the situation was cleared — \$87(2)(b) had been restrained with handcuffs upon arrival, and the grandmother had said he was not taking his medication. \$87(2)(b) started throwing his hands and he was cuffed for officer safety. \$87(2)(b) also fought with the hospital staff upon arrival and had to be restrained again. \$87(2)(b) was not verbal during this incident.

CCRB Testimony

On December 4, 2013, PO Chin was interviewed at the CCRB (enc. 8e-f).

At 8:02 a.m. on the incident date, PO Chin received a radio run for an EDP with scissors inside an apartment at \$870,000 About three minutes later at 8:05 a.m. PO Chin arrived on the scene with his partner PO Nicholas Guele, along with PO Matthew Weinstein and PO Ralph Pabon. They walked inside the building, and made contact with the complainant, who was the grandmother of the patient. PO Weinstein was first at the door, followed by PO Chin and then PO Pabon; PO Guele stood outside. The grandmother, \$87(2)(0) Said that her grandson, was not taking his medication and was cutting up his clothes, but also said that she called for EMS and not the police. PO Chin told her that police must respond automatically for

Page 4 CCRB Case # 201310057 EDP cases to make sure there is no crime in progress. After questioning §87(2)(b) officers found \$87(2)(b) behind the front door, and somewhat obscured due to the dim light in the apartment. PO Guele shined his flashlight through the crack between the doorframe and door while the other officers began to question \$87(2)(b) had an angry expression on his face, but he was not making any movements. He refused to respond to any of the officers' inquiries, and he seemed like he was "not all there." His hands were in his pants pockets, and he had a cast on his left wrist (PO Chin was not certain that it was the left wrist). For five minutes the officers asked him to take his hands out of his pockets and to talk to them about what was going on, and to try and calm him down. 387(2)(b) then suddenly took his hands out of his pockets and quickly crossed them across his torso, so the officers could not see if he was holding anything in his hands. PO Chin did not know if he was carrying scissors, or where the scissors from the initial job description was. §87(2)(b) calm, and told the officers that \(\) \(\) \(\) was not on his medication and that he does this all the About ten more minutes went by, and PO Chin made a gesture to § 37(2)(b) for him to come forward. § 87(2)(b) then suddenly threw his hands up in the air, and PO Chin pushed him away for officer safety. Due to the push, \$87(2)(b) s body pressed against the wall, and PO Chin seized the opportunity to grab \$87(2)(b) s left arm with both of his hands. PO Chin pulled down to the ground while PO Pabon grabbed \$87(2)(b) s right arm. PO Chin handcuffed resisted, twitching and twisting his body, but he did not attempt to strike any officers nor did he speak at any point. Because he refused to move, PO Chin and PO Pabon had to grab him under his arms and legs and drag him out of the apartment into the hallway. In the hallway, the officers attempted to get § 87(2)(b) to sit up or stand, but he refused; the officers asked him if he wanted to sit on a nearby staircase, but he was noncompliant, and lay down on the floor and refused to move. Another 10-15 minutes passed while the officers waited for EMS to arrive; one of §87(2)(b) s family members arrived on the scene and convinced to sit up. § 87(2)(b) demeanor was calm this entire time, and at no point did she have an adversarial interaction with the officers, nor did any officer threaten her with arrest. Ten minutes after, maybe around 8:50 a.m., EMS arrived and because § 87(2)(b) was noncompliant, the officers and EMTs had to lift him into the stairchair to bring him outside. PO Chin asked If she wanted to come in the ambulance, and she said she did not want to go. At \$87(2)(b) Hospital Center, they uncuffed \$87(2)(b) but he immediately began pushing the hospital staff, so he was once again restrained. §87(2)(b) did not sustain any injuries during the encounter. PO Chin did not find any pair of scissors on his person or locate where the scissors from the initial radio run were.

Subject Officer: PO RALPH PABON

- PO Ralph Pabon was § 87(2)(b)
- PO Pabon's tour on October 21, 2013, was from 7:05 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. He was assigned to sector patrol and was in uniform working with PO Matthew Weinstein.

Memo Book

PO Pabon had no pertinent memo book entries for this incident (encl. 9a-b).

CCRB Testimony

On December 18, 2013, PO Ralph Pabon was interviewed at the CCRB (encl. 9c-d). Around 8:00 a.m. on October 21, 2013, PO Pabon heard a radio run come over for an EDP with a knife at \$87(2)(b) PO Chin's sector was

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responding, but PO Pabon and his partner PO Weinstein responded to the scene as well to provide backup for PO Chin and his partner. When the four officers arrived at the location, they went to the apartment where serious let them inside. PO Pabon recognized a photograph of and identified her as serious let them inside. Po Pabon recognized a photograph of serious and identified her as serious let them inside. Po Pabon recognized a photograph of serious and identified her as serious let them inside. Po Pabon recognized a photograph of serious and identified her as serious let them inside. Po Pabon recognized a photograph of serious let them inside. Po Pabon recognized a photograph of serious let them inside. Po Pabon recognized a photograph of serious let them inside. Po Pabon recognized a photograph of serious let them inside. Po Pabon recognized a photograph of serious let them inside. Po Pabon recognized a photograph of serious let them inside. Po Pabon recognized a photograph of serious let them inside. Po Pabon recognized a photograph of serious let them inside. Po Pabon recognized a photograph of serious let them inside. Po Pabon recognized a photograph of serious let them inside. Po Pabon recognized a photograph of serious let them inside. Po Pabon recognized a photograph of serious let them inside. Po Pabon recognized a photograph of serious let them inside. Po Pabon recognized a photograph of serious let them inside. Po Pabon recall seeing any prior injury. Outside in the hallway, po Po Chin and Po Pabon took provided in the patient let them inside. Po Pabon provided pot the serious let the provided pot the serious let the provided provided provided pot the serious let the provided pro
Witness Officer: PO MATTHEW WEINSTEIN
• PO Matthew Weinstein was \$87(2)(b)
• PO Weinstein's tour on October 21, 2013, was from 7:05 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. He was assigned to sector patrol and was in uniform working with PO Ralph Pabon.
Memo Book In his memo book PO Weinstein indicated that on October 21, 2013, he responded to \$87(2)(5) in Brooklyn at 8:10 a.m. for an EDP with a knife. At 8:40 a.m. EMS had arrived and transported the EDP to \$87(2)(5) (encl. 10a-c).
CCRB Testimony On December 20, 2013, PO Matthew Weinstein was interviewed at the CCRB (encl. 10d-
e). PO Weinstein and his partner PO Pabon responded to \$87(2)(6) with PO Chin and his partner, whose name PO Weinstein did not know. PO Weinstein was the first to approach

the door of the apartment. He knocked on the door, and it was answered by \$87(2)(6) who
was the grandmother of \$87(2)(b) the EDP. PO Weinstein was shown a photograph of
but he did not recognize her. He was also shown a photo of
but he also did not recognize him. PO Weinstein said the apartment was dark so it was not
easy to see details. PO Weinstein inquired to \$87(2)(b) about the situation and she stated that
was off his medication. PO Weinstein asked \$87(2)(b) where \$87(2)(b) was, but
did not know. PO Weinstein walked around the apartment, and observed
"hiding" in darkness standing behind the open front door in a hallway. The front door
swings open to the right and §87(2)(b) was standing behind it, obscured by the door and by the
darkness. Seeing him startled PO Weinstein, and he backed out of the apartment.
Moments later, all four officers entered the apartment, and PO Chin and PO Pabon stood
PO Weinstein and PO Chin's partner stood behind. Only PO Chin spoke to
was standing there in the darkness; PO Weinstein could not see where his
hands were. PO Chin spoke conversationally to \$87(2)(b) trying to find out what was going on.
They spoke for a few minutes, and \$87(2)(b) was not responsive and uncooperative. He did not
speak at all to any officers or answer their questions. PO Chin reached out and grabbed
by the arm to handcuff him for officer safety, and \$87(2)(b) tried to push PO Chin and
flailed his arms. His demeanor was clearly emotionally disturbed. PO Chin and PO Pabon both
grabbed \$87(2)(b) and successfully handcuffed him; PO Weinstein could not recall how \$
was removed from the apartment. §87(2)(b) was not injured during the handcuffing, nor
did PO Weinstein observe any prior injury on him.
PO Chin and PO Pabon took § 87(2)(b) into the hallway outside, which was bigger and
better-lit. \$87(2)(b) sat down on the floor and they all waited for EMS to arrive. After \$87(2)(b)
was handcuffed § 87(2)(b) grew more agitated, but PO Weinstein could not recall if she was
upset with the officers or upset over the situation in general. PO Chin asked \$87(2)(b) if she
wanted to "come down" to the hospital as well, but PO Weinstein could not recall what she
responded with. They did not have a verbal dispute. After 10 minutes EMS arrived, and PO Weinstein and PO Pabon left the scene.
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Officers not interviewed

PO Nicholas Guele was not interviewed, as the testimony from the other officers was sufficient to understand the circumstances of the incident, and by all accounts PO Guele did not have physical contact with the complainant or victim.

Medical records (encl. in blue medical folder)

Some of \$87(2)(b) s medical records were provided by \$87(2)(b) on the date that she and \$87(2)(b) were interviewed at their home in Brooklyn. These records indicated that was diagnosed with schizoid disorder and had been hospitalized several times in the past for this condition. The full medical record was subpoenaed from \$87(2)(b) and was received December 18, 2013. This full record goes into more detail about \$87(2)(b) s condition, the incident of October 21, 2013, and \$87(2)(b) s statements in regards. \$87(2)(b) physically attacked staff at the hospital, and engaged in a fight with other patients while in the psychiatric unit. \$87(2)(b) did not report to medical personnel that any officers used force against him and no injuries were diagnosed as a result of the incident.

Status of Civil Proceedings

• As of January 3, 2014, neither \$87(2)(b) nor \$87(2)(b) has filed a Notice of Claim with the Office of the Comptroller (encl. 12a).

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Civilian Criminal History

• Office of Court Administration records reveal no criminal history for \$87(2)(b) on \$87(2)(b) (encl. 11a-b)

Civilian CCRB History

• This is the first CCRB complaint filed by \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) (encl. 2c-d).

Subject Officers CCRB History

- PO Daniel Chin has been a member of the service for 3 years and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against him (encl. 2b)
- PO Ralph Pabon has been a member of the service for 8 years and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against him (encl. 2a)

Conclusion

Identification of Subject Officer

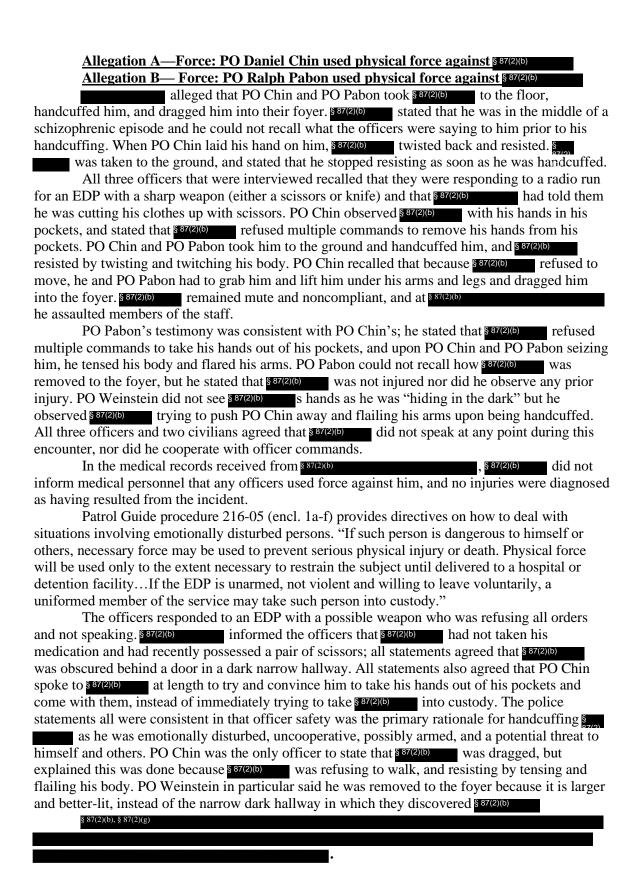
identified PO Chin by name as the officer who initially grabbed § 87(2)(b) to handcuff him, and described him as an Asian male officer. § 87(2)(b) provided a consistent physical description of the first officer who grabbed him. PO Chin, an Asian male, admitted he was the officer who spoke to \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) and who was the first to seize hold of to handcuff him. **Allegations A** is therefore pleaded against PO Chin. and § 87(2)(6) believed it was only two officers who entered the apartment and interacted with them, while the officers stated that there were four in total. said the officer accompanying PO Chin was a uniformed white male in his 30s, muscular, 6'0, with unknown hair, seemingly describing PO Weinstein. §87(2)(6) described the second officer as a uniformed white male in his 30s, dirty blond hair, crew cut; it is not known what officer this referred to. § 87(2)(b) said the second officer entered first, looked through a crack in the door, and seized \$87(2)(b) PO Chin said it was PO Guele who shone the flashlight and PO Pabon who helped handcuff \$87(2)(b) Because all the officers stated that PO Weinstein was the first officer at the door to enter and speak to § 87(2)(b) ■ she might have been confused. All the officers' testimony was consistent that it was PO Chin and PO Pabon who physically took hold of [887(2)(b)] and handcuffed him. PO Pabon admitted he helped handcuff and said it was only he and PO Chin who took part in the handcuffing due to the constricted nature of the tight hallway. Allegation B is therefore pleaded against PO Pabon.

Investigative Findings and Recommendations

Allegations not pleaded

alleged that in her hallway and in the presence of the other officers and two EMTs, PO Chin asked her if she wanted to "go down." [887(2)(5)] interpreted this as PO Chin threatening her with arrest due to her shouting at him. The threat to "go down" that she ascribed to PO Chin is vague and subject to [887(2)(5)] personal interpretation, and does not necessarily imply arrest. All three officers said that there was no verbal argument between [87(2)(5)] and officers. All three officers denied any threat of arrest, but they all consistently said that PO Chin asked [887(2)(5)] if she wanted to come down to the hospital. Depending on the wording that PO Chin used, [887(2)(5)] in her agitation might have misheard PO Chin's question regarding the hospital as an invitation to "go down" to the precinct instead. A threat of arrest is therefore not pleaded.

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